



NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA



ATTACHMENT A

VIA WORKSHEETS





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Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Porter Avenue Looking Southwest (Roundabout Option)			Key View No.	1a	
Photos	Existing			Proposed		
						
	Viewer Group:	Local Residents / Travelers / Commuters / Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:	Commercial / Institutional	
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	<p>The foreground and middleground views are dominated by Porter Avenue, roadside landscaping, and commercial buildings are typical and unmemorable. The background view of Lake Erie is obstructed by the rising Porter Avenue that crosses the I-190. The vividness rating is low.</p>		<p>The foreground and middleground views are dominated by Porter Avenue, roadside landscaping, and commercial buildings are typical and unmemorable. The background view of Lake Erie remains obstructed by the roundabout and rising Porter Avenue that crosses the I-190. The introduction of the roundabout provides a focal point in the background. The vividness rating is low.</p>		<p>Vividness rating would increase.</p>	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	1.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	+1.0
INTACTNESS	<p>Porter Avenue divides the vegetation along the background. The street trees and maintained lawn along Porter Avenue provides a continuous green strip from foreground to background. The intactness rating is moderately low.</p>		<p>The roundabout further divides the vegetation along the background by increasing pavement to the north and south. The street trees and maintained lawn along Porter Avenue provides a continuous green strip from foreground to background. The intactness rating is moderately low.</p>		<p>Intactness rating would slightly decrease.</p>	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	3.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	2.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	-0.5
UNITY	<p>The street trees and grass strips along Porter Avenue visually link the foreground and background. The continuous corridor of Porter Avenue provides supportive colors, textures and materials. The lawn areas are well maintained with little visual clutter from roadside signate and utilities. The unity rating is moderate/average.</p>		<p>The street trees and grass strips along Porter Avenue visually link the foreground and background. The continuous corridor of Porter Avenue provides supportive colors, textures and materials. The lawn areas are well maintained with little visual clutter from roadside signals and utilities. The unity rating is moderate/average.</p>		<p>Unity rating would not change.</p>	
	UNITY RATING:	4.0	UNITY RATING:	4.0	UNITY RATING:	0
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	8.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	9.0	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	+0.5
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	2.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.0	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	+0.2





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Porter Avenue Looking Southwest (Intersection Option)			Key View No.	1b	
Photos	Existing			Proposed		
						
	Viewer Group:	Local Residents / Travelers / Commuters / Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:	Commercial / Institutional	
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	The foreground and middleground views are dominated by Porter Avenue, roadside landscaping, and commercial buildings are typical and unmemorable. The background view of Lake Erie is obstructed by the rising Porter Avenue that crosses the I-190. The vividness rating is low.		The foreground and middleground views are dominated by Porter Avenue, roadside landscaping, and commercial buildings are typical and unmemorable. The background view of Lake Erie remains obstructed by the intersection and rising Porter Avenue that crosses the I-190. The vividness rating is low.		Vividness rating would not change.	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	1.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	1.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	0
INTACTNESS	Porter Avenue divides the vegetation along the background. The street trees and maintained lawn along Porter Avenue provides a continuous green strip from foreground to background. The intactness rating is moderately low.		Porter Avenue divides the vegetation along the background. The street trees and maintained lawn along Porter Avenue provides a continuous green strip from foreground to background. The intactness rating is moderately low.		Intactness rating would not change.	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	3.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	3.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	0
UNITY	The street trees and grass strips along Porter Avenue visually link the foreground and background. The continuous corridor of Porter Avenue provides supportive colors, textures and materials. The lawn areas are well maintained with little visual clutter from roadside signage and utilities. The unity rating is moderate/average.		The street trees and grass strips along Porter Avenue visually link the foreground and background. The continuous corridor of Porter Avenue provides supportive colors, textures and materials. The lawn areas are well maintained with little visual clutter from roadside signals and utilities. The unity rating is moderate/average.		Unity rating would not change.	
	UNITY RATING:	4.0	UNITY RATING:	4.0	UNITY RATING:	0
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	8.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	8.5	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	0
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	2.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	2.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	0





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet							
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action	
Location:	Front Park Looking South				Key View No.	2	
Photos	Existing			Proposed			
							
	Viewer Group:		Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:		Recreation / Parkland
	Existing		Proposed		Change		
VIVIDNESS	The meandering multi-use trail presents an attractive sight in the middle/backgrounds. The well maintained landscaping and mature trees provide a striking viewshed which makes it memorable. The vividness rating is high.		The meandering multi-use trail presents an attractive sight in the middle/backgrounds. The well maintained landscaping and mature trees provide a striking viewshed which makes it memorable. The vividness rating is high.		Vividness rating would not change.		
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	5.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	5.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	0	
INTACTNESS	The landscaping is intact except for the minor gap off to the right in the middleground. The landscaping is also contextually linked from the foreground to the background by the meandering multi-use trail. Minimal man-made features dot the landscape providing a more naturalized viewshed. The intactness rating is very high.		The landscaping is intact except for the minor gap off to the right in the middleground. The landscaping is also contextually linked from the foreground to the background by the meandering multi-use trail. Minimal man-made features dot the landscape providing a more naturalized viewshed. The intactness rating is very high.		Intactness rating would not change.		
	INTACTNESS RATING:	6.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	6.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	0	
UNITY	The lawn and landscaping are well maintained. The landscape palette of colors, textures and forms provides a harmonious natural viewshed. The absence of man-made features strengthens the natural forms of the landscape. The unity rating is very high.		The lawn and landscaping are well maintained. The landscape palette of colors, textures and forms provides a harmonious natural viewshed. The absence of man-made features strengthens the natural forms of the landscape. The unity rating is very high.		Unity rating would not change.		
	UNITY RATING:	6.5	UNITY RATING:	6.5	UNITY RATING:	0	
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	18.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	18.5	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	0	
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	6.2	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	6.2	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	0	





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Front Park Looking Northwest			Key View No.	3	
Photos	Existing			Proposed		
						
Viewer Group:		Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:		Recreation / Parkland
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	The view is dominated by the mass of evergreens in the middleground and manicured hedge in the foreground. These elements are typical and provide little to the visual distinctiveness of the landscape which makes it unmemorable. The vividness rating is moderate/average.		The view is dominated by the mass of evergreens in the middleground and manicured hedge in the foreground. These elements are typical and provide little to the visual distinctiveness of the landscape which makes it unmemorable. The vividness rating is moderate/average.		Vividness rating would not change.	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	4.0	VIVIDNESS RATING:	4.0	VIVIDNESS RATING:	0
INTACTNESS	While the landscaping is intact the man-made features of Ramp A and the chain-link fence subtract from the natural environment. The visual integrity is provided by the longitudinal patterns of the hedge, evergreen trees and Ramp A. The intactness rating is moderate/average.		While the landscaping is intact, the man-made features of Ramp A, including the widening, and the chain-link fence subtract from the natural environment. The visual integrity is provided by the longitudinal patterns of the hedge, evergreen trees and Ramp A. The intactness rating is moderate/average.		Intactness rating would not change.	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	3.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	3.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	0
UNITY	The forms of the hedge, evergreens and Ramp A combine to form a cohesive visual pattern between the man-made and natural features. However, the mass of evergreens obscures the background that subtracts from overall unity of the viewshed. The unity rating is moderately high.		The forms of the hedge, evergreens and Ramp A combine to form a cohesive visual pattern between the man-made and natural features. However, the mass of evergreens obscures the background that subtracts from overall unity of the viewshed. The unity rating is moderately high.		Unity rating would not change.	
	UNITY RATING:	4.5	UNITY RATING:	4.5	UNITY RATING:	0
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	12.0	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	12.0	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	0
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	4.0	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	4.0	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	0





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Front Park Looking East			Key View No.	4	
Photos	Existing			Proposed		
						
	Viewer Group:	Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:	Recreation / Parkland	
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	<p>The view is dominated by the pavement of the terrace in the foreground and the open lawn of the middleground which contain no unique or memorable elements. The minor trees in the middleground and the landscaping off in the distance is typical and is not visually striking. The vividness rating is low.</p>		<p>The view is dominated by the pavement of the terrace in the foreground and the open lawn of the middleground which contain no unique or memorable elements. The minor trees in the middleground and the landscaping off in the distance is typical and is not visually striking. The vividness rating is low.</p>		<p>Vividness rating would not change.</p>	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	1.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	1.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	0
INTACTNESS	<p>There is a strong visual order with the pavement in the foreground, open lawn in the middleground and the landscaping in the background. The minor trees and Plaza access does little to subtract from this order. Minimal man-made features dot the landscape providing a more naturalized viewshed. The intactness rating is high.</p>		<p>There is a strong visual order with the pavement in the foreground, open lawn in the middleground and the landscaping in the background. The minor trees do little to subtract from this order, while the removal of man-made features, including Baird Drive, strengthens the open lawn area. The intactness rating is high.</p>		<p>Intactness rating would slightly increase.</p>	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	6.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	6.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	+0.5
UNITY	<p>The linear forms of the pavement, open lawn and landscaping in the background create a cohesive visual pattern between the man-made and natural features. However, the contrasting colors and textures between the pavement and landscaping provides no integration of the man-made development with the natural setting. The unity rating is moderate/average.</p>		<p>The linear forms of the pavement, open lawn and landscaping in the background create a cohesive visual pattern between the man-made and natural features. However, the contrasting colors and textures between the pavement and landscaping provides no integration of the man-made development with the natural setting. The unity rating is moderate/average.</p>		<p>Unity rating would not change.</p>	
	UNITY RATING:	4.0	UNITY RATING:	4.0	UNITY RATING:	0
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	11.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	12.0	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	+0.5
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	4.0	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	+0.2





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Busti Avenue Looking West				Key View No.	5
Photos	Existing		Proposed			
						
	Viewer Group:	Local Residents		Landscape Unit:	Urban Residential	
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	The view is dominated by Busti Avenue and the park's open lawn which contain no unique or memorable elements. The striking view of Lake Erie is obscured by the vegetation and plaza subtracting from the water's relation to the landscape. The vividness rating is low.		The view is dominated by Busti Avenue and the park's open lawn which contain no unique or memorable elements. The striking view of Lake Erie is obscured by the vegetation and plaza subtracting from the water's relation to the landscape. The vividness rating is low.		Vividness rating would not change.	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.0	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.0	VIVIDNESS RATING:	0
INTACTNESS	There is a strong visual order with the pavement in the foreground, open lawn in the middleground and the landscaping in the background. The minor trees and plaza access does little to subtract from this order. Few man-made features dot the landscape providing a more naturalized viewshed. The intactness rating is moderately high.		There is a strong visual order with the pavement in the foreground, open lawn in the middleground and the landscaping in the background. The minor trees do little to subtract from this order, while the removal of man-made features, including Baird Drive, strengthens the open lawn area. Few man-made features dot the landscape providing a more naturalized viewshed. The intactness rating is high.		Intactness rating would slightly increase.	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	5.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	5.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	+0.5
UNITY	The linear forms of the pavement, open lawn and landscaping in the background create a cohesive visual pattern between the man-made and natural features. The contrasting colors and textures between the pavement and landscaping provides no integration of the man-made development with the natural setting. There is no strong connection to the water. The unity rating is moderately low.		The linear forms of the pavement, open lawn and landscaping in the background create a cohesive visual pattern between the man-made and natural features. The contrasting colors and textures between the pavement and landscaping provides no integration of the man-made development with the natural setting. There is no strong connection to the water. The unity rating is moderate/average.		Unity rating would slightly increase.	
	UNITY RATING:	3.5	UNITY RATING:	4.0	UNITY RATING:	+0.5
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	10.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	11.5	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	1.0
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.5	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	0.3





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet							
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action	
Location:	Vermont Street Looking Southwest				Key View No.	6	
Photos	Existing			Proposed			
							
	Viewer Group:	Local Residents / Business Employees		Landscape Unit:	Urban Residential		
	Existing		Proposed		Change		
VIVIDNESS	The lining of street trees manipulate the view focusing on the plaza's gated entrance and facility which is not unique or memorable. Man-made elements are scattered throughout the view providing too many contrasting elements. The vividness rating is low.		The lining of street trees manipulate the view focusing on the Plaza's gated entrance and facility which is not unique or memorable. Man-made elements are scattered throughout the view providing too many contrasting elements. The vividness rating is low.		Vividness rating would not change.		
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	1.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	1.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	0	
INTACTNESS	The two story residences with the street trees present a fairly intact view of an urban residential street. The varying architectural styles, materials, colors and textures is typical for this type of neighborhood. Utility poles and overhead wires encroach on the residential street image. The intactness rating is low.		The two story residences with the street trees present a fairly intact view of an urban residential street. The varying architectural styles, materials, colors and textures is typical for this type of neighborhood. Utility poles and overhead wires encroach on the residential street image. The intactness rating is low.		Intactness rating would not change.		
	INTACTNESS RATING:	2.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	2.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	0	
UNITY	Street details, including pavement, sidewalks, planting area and lawn, are well defined and maintained. The utility poles and overhead wires degrade the overall harmony of the view. The unity rating is low.		Street details, including pavement, sidewalks, planting area and lawn, are well defined and maintained. The utility poles and overhead wires degrade the overall harmony of the view. The unity rating is low.		Unity rating would not change.		
	UNITY RATING:	2.5	UNITY RATING:	2.5	UNITY RATING:	0	
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	6.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	6.5	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	0	
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	2.2	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	2.2	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	0	





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Shoreline Trail Looking South				Key View No.	7
Photos	Existing			Proposed		
						
	Viewer Group:	Local Residents / Business Employees / Travelers / Commuters		Landscape Unit:	Transportation Corridors	
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	The open view of Lake Erie provides a unique element and draws the attention away from the roadway's elements. The vegetation and water provides some color and texture to the viewshed. The vividness rating is high.		The elimination of the open view of Lake Erie reduces this unique element and refocuses on the roadway structural and utility elments making this view unmemorable. The vegetation and water provides some color and texture to the viewshed. The vividness rating is moderate/average.		Vividness rating would decrease.	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	5.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	3.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	-2.0
INTACTNESS	The vegetation along the Shoreline Trail obscures the visual connection to the distant water of Lake Erie, and the roadway's pavement and water present conflicting landscape characters. The lack of maintenance along the Shoreline Trail degrades the visual integrity of the landscape. The intactness rating is moderately low.		The vegetation and pedestrian bridge obscures the visual connection to the distant water of Lake Erie, and the roadway's pavement and water present conflicting landscape characters. Man-made elements are scattered throughout the view providing too many contrasting elements. The intactness rating is low.		Intactness rating would decrease.	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	3.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	2.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	-1.5
UNITY	The lack of a visual connection between the water and the roadways creates little harmony between the man-made and natural elements. The linear wall and the vegetation screen do little to integrate the man-made features with the landscape. The unity rating is moderately low.		The lack of a visual connection between the water and the roadways creates little harmony between the man-made and natural elements. The linear wall and the vegetation screen do little to integrate the man-made features with the landscape. The unity rating is moderately low.		Unity rating would not change.	
	UNITY RATING:	2.5	UNITY RATING:	2.5	UNITY RATING:	0
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	11.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	8.0	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	-3.5
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	2.7	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	-1.2





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet							
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action	
Location:	Southbound I-190 Looking South				Key View No.	8	
Photos	Existing			Proposed			
							
	Viewer Group:	Business Employees / Travelers / Commuters		Landscape Unit:	Transportation Corridors		
	Existing		Proposed		Change		
VIVIDNESS	The highway pavement with vegetation to the east and west is not unusual making this view unmemorable. Man-made elements are scattered throughout the view providing too many contrasting elements. The vividness rating is low.		The view of the pedestrian bridge crossing the viewshed provides a unique element within a typical highway viewshed. Man-made elements are scattered throughout the view providing too many contrasting elements. The vividness rating is moderate/average.		Vividness rating would increase.		
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	3.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	+1.0	
INTACTNESS	The trees and shrubs along the east partially screen views of Ramp S and the pedestrian bridge. However, the highway disrupts the connection between the natural setting to the west and the one to the east, thus creating conflicting landscape characters. The intactness rating is low.		The pedestrian bridge and highway disrupt the connection between the natural settings on the east and west, with the bridge almost eliminating the vegetation on the west. The intactness rating is low.		Intactness rating would decrease.		
	INTACTNESS RATING:	2.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	1.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	-1.0	
UNITY	Minimal vegetation with the highway in the middle degrades the natural setting creating little harmony between the man-made and natural elements. The vegetation and highway's contrasting colors and textures provide little integration of the man-made elements with its surrounding landscape. The unity rating is moderately low.		The various highway features and minimal vegetation provides little harmony between the man-made features and the natural elements. However, the similar color and simple textures of the pedestrian bridge provides some unity within the man-made features. The unity rating is moderately low.		Unity rating would increase.		
	UNITY RATING:	2.5	UNITY RATING:	3.5	UNITY RATING:	+1.0	
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	7.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	8.5	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	+1.0	
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	2.5	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	2.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	+0.3	



Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Shoreline Trail Looking North			Key View No.	9	
Photos	Existing			Proposed		
						
Viewer Group:		Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:		River / Waterfront
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	The view along the Shoreline Trail presents an attractive view of the Peace Bridge in the distance. In addition, the overgrown vegetation in the foreground and middleground provides varying texture and color making the view memorable. The vividness rating is high.		The view along the Shoreline Trail presents an attractive view of the Peace Bridge in the distance. The introduction of the pedestrian bridge and ramp reduces the overall impact from the varying texture and color from the overgrown vegetation in the foreground and middleground. The vividness rating is high.		Vividness rating slightly decrease.	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	6.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	6.0	VIVIDNESS RATING:	-0.5
INTACTNESS	The Peace Bridge structure encroaches on the mainly natural landscape within the viewshed drawing ones focus away from the landscape and onto the man-made structure. The chain-link fence within the vegetation competes with the natural form, colors and texture of the landscape. The intactness rating is low.		The Peace Bridge structure and the pedestrian bridge and ramp encroaches on the mainly natural landscape within the viewshed drawing ones focus away from the landscape and onto the man-made structures. The chain-link fence within the vegetation competes with the natural form, colors and texture of the landscape. The intactness rating is low.		Intactness rating decrease.	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	2.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	1.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	-1.0
UNITY	Except for the bridge in the background, the natural vegetation blends with the man-made structures of the I-190 underpass and chain-link fence. The curve at the end of the Shoreline Trail ties the man-made structure with the surrounding landscape creating a unity between the natural and man-made elements. The unity rating is moderately high.		The pedestrian bridge and ramp plus the Peace Bridge in the background, reduces the unity between the natural vegetation and man-made structures. The Shoreline Trail's ramp disrupts the natural vegetation along the shoreline, reducing the overall unity of the natural landscape. The unity rating is moderately low.		Unity rating would decrease.	
	UNITY RATING:	4.5	UNITY RATING:	2.5	UNITY RATING:	-2.0
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	13.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	10.0	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	-3.5
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	4.5	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.3	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	-1.2





Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Porter Avenue Looking Northeast (Roundabout Option)			Key View No.	10a	
Photos	Existing			Proposed		
						
	Viewer Group:	Local Residents / Business Employees / Travelers / Commuters / Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:	Transportation Corridors	
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	<p>The foreground and middleground views are dominated by Porter Avenue and roadside elements, including street trees, which are typical and unmemorable. The commercial buildings in the background are partially obscured by the vegetation. The vividness rating is low.</p>		<p>The foreground and middleground views are dominated by the roundabout, which is a unique element within the viewshed. The lack of a focal element within the roundabout provides a more typical streetscape and is unmemorable. The commercial buildings in the background are partially obscured by the vegetation. The vividness rating is moderate/average.</p>		<p>Vividness rating would increase.</p>	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	3.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	+1.0
INTACTNESS	<p>Porter Avenue and its street trees provides visual continuity from foreground to the background. Porter Avenue's roadside elements, such as the brick edging, sidewalks, street trees and maintained lawn areas provide visual order. The intactness rating is moderate/average.</p>		<p>The roundabout disrupts Porter Avenue and its street trees reducing the visual continuity from foreground to background. However, the roadside elements, such as sidewalks, street trees and maintained lawn areas provide visual order. The intactness rating is moderate/average.</p>		<p>Intactness rating would slightly decrease.</p>	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	4.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	3.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	-0.5
UNITY	<p>The colors, textures and patterns of the roadside elements unify the man-made elements. The addition of the natural landscape creates a coherent visual pattern. The unity rating is moderately high.</p>		<p>The colors, textures and patterns of the roadside elements unify the man-made elements. The addition of the natural landscape creates a coherent visual pattern. The unity rating is moderately high.</p>		<p>Unity rating would not change.</p>	
	UNITY RATING:	5.0	UNITY RATING:	5.0	UNITY RATING:	0
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	11.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	12.0	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	+0.5
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	4.0	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	+0.2



Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet						
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action
Location:	Porter Avenue Looking Northeast (Intersection Option)			Key View No.	10b	
Photos	Existing			Proposed		
	Viewer Group:	Local Residents / Business Employees / Travelers / Commuters / Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:	Transportation Corridors	
	Existing		Proposed		Change	
VIVIDNESS	The foreground and middleground views are dominated by Porter Avenue and roadside elements, including street trees, which are typical and unmemorable. The commercial buildings in the background are partially obscured by the vegetation. The vividness rating is low.		The foreground view is dominated by the intersection, which is typical and unmemorable. The lack of a focal element within the viewshed provides a more typical streetscape and is unmemorable. The commercial buildings in the background are partially obscured by the vegetation. The vividness rating is low.		Vividness rating would not change.	
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	0
INTACTNESS	Porter Avenue and its street trees provides visual continuity from foreground to the background. Porter Avenue's roadside elements, such as the brick edging, sidewalks, street trees and maintained lawn areas provide visual order. The intactness rating is moderate/average.		The intersection disrupts Porter Avenue reducing the visual continuity from foreground to background. However, the roadside elements, such as sidewalks, street trees and maintained lawn areas provide visual order. The intactness rating is moderate/average.		Intactness rating would slightly decrease.	
	INTACTNESS RATING:	4.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	3.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	-0.5
UNITY	The colors, textures and patterns of the roadside elements unify the man-made elements. The addition of the natural landscape creates a coherent visual pattern. The unity rating is moderately high.		The colors, textures and patterns of the roadside elements unify the man-made elements. The addition of the natural landscape creates a coherent visual pattern. The unity rating is moderately high.		Unity rating would not change.	
	UNITY RATING:	5.0	UNITY RATING:	5.0	UNITY RATING:	0
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	11.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	11.0	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	-0.5
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.8	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.7	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	-0.1



Visual Impact Assessment Worksheet							
Project:	New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza				Alternative:	Proposed Action	
Location:	D'Youville College Athletic Fields Looking North				Key View No.	11	
Photos	Existing			Proposed			
							
	Viewer Group:	Local Residents / Recreational Users		Landscape Unit:	Transportation Corridors		
	Existing		Proposed		Change		
VIVIDNESS	The open lawn in the foreground dominates the view and does not contain any unique or memorable elements. Porter Avenue in the middleground, with its utility and streetscape elements are typical and unmemorable. The vividness rating is low.		The open lawn in the foreground dominates the view and does not contain any unique or memorable elements. The Porter Avenue roundabout in the middleground, with its utility and streetscape elements, are typical and unmemorable. The vividness rating is low.		Vividness rating would not change.		
	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	2.5	VIVIDNESS RATING:	0	
INTACTNESS	Except for Ramp P in the background, the wooded middleground and background is mainly intact. In addition, Porter Avenue does little to disrupt the visual relationship between the open lawn and wooded background. The utility and streetscape vertical elements partially disrupts the natural setting of the viewshed. The intactness rating is moderately high.		Except for roundabout's retaining wall in the middleground, the vegetation in the middleground and background is mainly intact. In addition, the roundabout does little to disrupt the visual relationship between the open lawn and wooded background. The utility and streetscape vertical elements partially disrupts the natural setting of the viewshed. The intactness rating is moderate/average.		Intactness rating would slightly decrease.		
	INTACTNESS RATING:	4.5	INTACTNESS RATING:	4.0	INTACTNESS RATING:	-0.5	
UNITY	The wooded areas in the background are somewhat visually integrated with the open lawn in the foreground, providing a predominantly natural environment. The minimal utility poles with overhead wires and street lights does little to visually disrupt the viewshed. The unity rating is moderate/average.		The wooded areas in the background are somewhat visually integrated with the open lawn in the foreground, providing a predominantly natural environment. The retaining wall, minimal utility poles with overhead wires and street lights do little to visually disrupt the viewshed. The unity rating is moderately low.		Unity rating would slightly decrease.		
	UNITY RATING:	3.5	UNITY RATING:	3.0	UNITY RATING:	-0.5	
TOTALS	Total of Existing Ratings (V+I+U)	10.5	Total of Proposed Ratings (V+I+U)	9.5	Total of Change Ratings (V+I+U)	-1.0	
	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.5	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	3.2	Visual Quality (V+I+U)/3	-0.3	



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